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Afghans Defy Militants to Vote

UNDETERRED: Men wait to cast their ballots at a polling station in Kabul, Afghanistan Thursday. Defying Taliban threats to bomb polling stations and maim voters, millions of Afghans cast ballots in a presidential election that was relatively peaceful and orderly despite widespread predictions of violence and voter fraud. ♦ **Karzai at Risk:** Low turnout in south aids opponents | **Page 8**

'Clunkers' Program Set to End

Administration sets Monday as deadline for car shoppers

WASHINGTON | The Obama administration will end the popular \$3 billion "Cash for Clunkers" program on Monday, giving car shoppers a few more days to take advantage of big government incentives.

The Transportation Department said Thursday that the government will wind down the program on Monday at 8 p.m. EDT. Car buyers can receive rebates of \$3,500 or \$4,500 for trading in older vehicles for new, more fuel-efficient models. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said the program has been "a lifeline to the automobile industry."

The White House has touted the program's success in providing a targeted boost to the sluggish economy. Since the program's July inception, auto dealers have made deals worth \$1.9 billion, and the incentives have generated more than 457,000 vehicle sales.

But the administration needed to halt the program to avoid surpassing the \$3 billion funding level. Consumers were on pace to exhaust the program's coffers in early September, and dealers have complained about long delays in getting reimbursed for the car incentives. (AP)

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PROPOSALS

'Honey, Wheat Belong Together'

A wheat farm has become a field of dreams for a woman whose boyfriend spelled out a marriage proposal on the land and took her up in a plane to see it. Aleasha Decker says she was stunned when she read the question, "Aleasha, marry me?" in 20-foot plastic letters atop a harvested field, owned by husband-to-be Jason Kahle's dad in Kalida, Ohio. (AP)



RINGS

Frodo, Gollum Are Impressed

A New Zealand man who promised his wife he would find his wedding ring after it fell into a harbor has succeeded, 16 months later. When Aleki Taumoepeau dropped the ring in March 2008, he tossed an anchor overboard to mark the spot. An initial search failed, but Taumoepeau returned again recently for another dive and spotted the anchor with the ring inches away. (AP)



STUNTS

Previous Record Holders Deafened

About 366 alphorn blowers played together Thursday in an attempt to establish the new world record for the most alphornists blowing together. The event, held in western Switzerland on Gornergrat Mountain, celebrated the 111th birthday of the Gornergrat Railway. (AP)

JEAN-CHRISTOPHE BOTT/KEystone/AP

POLITICS

"My campaign is not based on a foundation of lies. My values are not lies. It's just the information I provided to the people is false."

— ANTWON WOMACK, A CANDIDATE FOR A SPOT ON BIRMINGHAM, ALA.'S BOARD OF EDUCATION. HE DROPPED OUT OF THE RACE AFTER ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN HIS EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN LIES.

EMERGENCIES

Lego Fire Brigade to Rescue

It was an eerie sight for a motorist driving on Interstate 526 in South Carolina — a helicopter in the distance spewing smoke as it plunged toward the Wando River. A motorist called 911 with the report Wednesday. Police and three Charleston Fire Department trucks and a fire battalion chief raced to the scene, finding that a helicopter had indeed crashed — but it was a remote-controlled toy helicopter about 2 feet long. Police spokesman Charles Francis says two people were below the interstate bridge operating the chopper when it went down. (AP)



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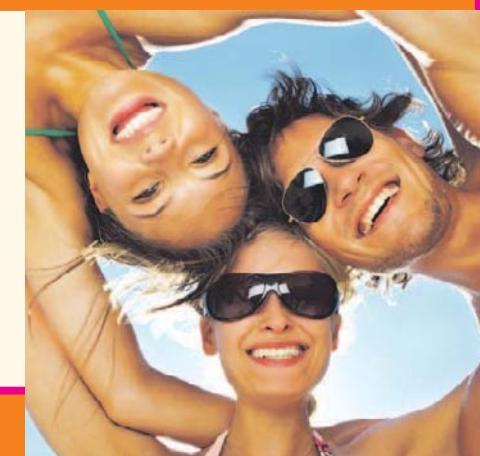
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Kennedy Seeks Fast Succession

Ailing senator urges Mass. leaders to alter special election law

BOSTON | A cancer-stricken Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has asked Massachusetts leaders to change state law to allow a speedy replacement if it becomes necessary for him to surrender his seat, fearing a months-long vacancy would

deny Democrats a crucial vote on President Obama's health care overhaul.

In a note to Gov. Deval Patrick and other state leaders, Kennedy — whose aides say there is no material change in his condition — asked that lawmakers allow the governor to appoint an interim replacement pending election of a successor, to ensure there would not be a period with a vacancy. The law requires a special election to be held within five months.

"It is vital for this commonwealth to have two voices speaking for the needs of its citizens," he wrote. (AP)



Kennedy

Obama Guarantees Health Reform

President goes on air to woo his critics on the left and the right

WASHINGTON | With control of the health care debate slipping from his grasp, President Obama pitched his ambitious plan to both conservative talk radio and his own liberal supporters Thursday — and denied a challenge from one backer that he was "bucklin' a little bit" under Republican criticism.

Loss in Confidence

→ Amid a long, ugly battle over his health care plan, U.S. confidence in President Obama has hit a new low, according to a new Washington Post-ABC poll. | **Today**

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Liberals were on the verge of revolt as Obama refused to say any final deal must include a government-run insurance option, while Republicans pressed their all-but-unified opposition to the White House effort. Obama, who will leave Washington Friday on vacation, said reason would prevail



ALEX BRANDON/AP
President Obama speaks during an interview with Philadelphia radio host Michael Smerconish at the White House Thursday.

and it was no time to panic.

"I guarantee you ... we are going to get health care reform done," Obama told a caller to Philadelphia-based radio talk show host Michael Smerconish during a broadcast from the White House.

On the defensive, Obama is

embracing a new role of fact-checker in chief, trying to correct false claims such as that the proposals would provide health care for illegal immigrants, create "death panels" or pay for abortions with taxpayer dollars.

"Now, c'mon," a mocking

Obama told a cheering crowd at a Democratic National Committee appearance designed to re-energize activists who were instrumental in his drive to the presidency. "What we're going to have to do is to cut through the noise and the misinformation." PHILIP ELLIOTT (AP)



SCIENCE **Glowworms** Thousands of feet beneath the sea live worms that can cast off green glowing body parts, a move scientists think may be a defensive effort to confuse attackers. Researchers have dubbed the newly discovered critters "green bombers." The seven new species of worms were found by a team led by Karen Osborn of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. They report on the worms in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*. (AP)



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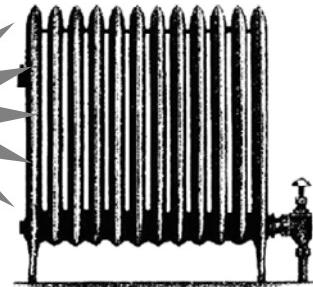
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Ridge Links Politics, Alerts

Ex-DHS chief says he was pressured to raise terror warning in '04

WASHINGTON | Former Homeland Security secretary Tom Ridge claims in a new book that he was pressured by other members of then-President George W. Bush's Cabinet to raise the U.S. terror alert level just before the 2004 presidential election.

Ridge said he objected to raising the security level despite the urgings of then-Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and then-Attorney General John Ashcroft, according to a publicity release from Ridge's publisher. He said the episode persuaded him to follow through with his plans to leave the administration; he resigned Nov. 30, 2004, four weeks after the election.

The Homeland Security Department, which Ridge was the first Bush Cabinet secretary to lead, faced criticism in 2004 from Democrats who alleged that raising the alert level was designed to boost support for the Bush administra-



Ex-Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge speaks at the Republican National Convention in 2008. In a new book, Ridge says he objected to raising the terror alert in 2004.

tion during an election year.

Two tapes were released by al-Qaeda in the weeks leading to the election — one by Osama bin Laden, leader of the terror group — and the other by a man who called himself "Azzam the American." Terrorism experts suspected that "Azzam the American" was Adam Gadahn, a 26-year-old Californian who the FBI had been urgently seeking.

Despite the tapes' release,

Bush's former Homeland Security adviser Frances Townsend said Thursday that politics never played a role in determining alerts.

When asked whether there was any reason for Ridge to have felt pressured, Townsend said: "He was certainly not pressured. And, by the way, he didn't object when it was raised."

Ridge's publicist Joe Rinaldi said Ridge was not doing interviews until after the book's Sept. 1 release. (AP)



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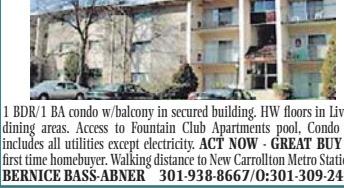
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AG Holder: Mexican drug war has reached 'our own backyards'

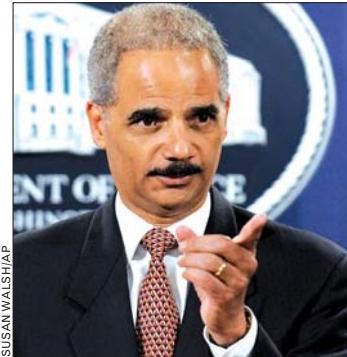
WASHINGTON | Mexican drug cartels have spread to "our own backyards," Attorney General Eric Holder said Thursday as he announced a dozen new indictments aimed at capturing suspected kingpins so they can stand trial in U.S. courts.

The indictments of 10 alleged bosses of the cartels and 33 other suspects expand previous U.S. efforts to decapitate the cartels' senior leadership.

First, though, they must be caught. The accused cartel leaders indicted Thursday are wanted in Mexico, and some have been sought by Mexican and U.S. law enforcement for many years.

Prosecutors say that the rings generated nearly \$6 billion in drug profits.

Investigators say the suspects



Attorney General Eric Holder announces drug-war indictments on Thursday.
SUSAN WALSH/AP

used almost every type of transportation imaginable to move the drugs: a Boeing 747 cargo plane, submarines and semi-submersibles, container ships, fishing vessels, buses, rail cars, and tractor-trailers.

"The criminal conduct alleged in these indictments did not take place solely in Mexico. Rather, it played right out here in our own backyards," Holder said.

DEVLIN BARRETT (AP)

LOAMI, ILL. | MIDWEST SURVEYS TWISTER DAMAGE



AFTERMATH: Loami Police Chief Stan Workman surveys tornado damage in Loami, Ill., on Thursday. At least 19 people were injured and dozens of homes were destroyed when severe weather slammed the Midwest on Wednesday.

Libyans Cheer Bomber's Return

Thousands welcome home terminally ill Lockerbie attacker

TRIPOLI, LIBYA | The only man convicted in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 returned home to Libya to die after he was released from a Scottish prison Thursday, a decision that outraged some relatives of the 270 people killed when the jetliner blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland, more than two decades ago.

President Obama said the Scottish decision to free terminally ill Abdel Baset al-Megrahi on compassionate grounds was a mistake and said he should be under house arrest. Obama warned Libya not to give him a hero's welcome.

Despite the warning, at the military airport in Tripoli where al-Megrahi's plane touched down, thousands of youths were on hand to greet him. He left the plane wearing a dark suit and accompanied by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son, Saif al-Islam Gadhafi.

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi lobbied hard for the return of al-Megrahi, an issue that took on



Crowds greet Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, center, holding a cane, at the airport in Tripoli, Libya, after he was freed on Thursday.

added urgency when al-Megrahi was diagnosed with prostate cancer last year. He was recently given only months to live.

The 57-year-old former Libyan intelligence officer served only eight years of his life sentence.

Al-Megrahi was convicted in 2001 of taking part in the attack on

Dec. 21, 1988, and sentenced to life in prison. The airliner exploded over Scotland, and all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground died.

He was sentenced to serve a minimum of 27 years in a Scottish prison for Britain's deadliest terrorist attack. But a 2007 review of his case found grounds for an appeal of

his conviction, and many in Britain believe he is not guilty.

Scottish Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill, who announced the release, said he was motivated by Scottish values to show mercy. "Mr. al-Megrahi now faces a sentence imposed by a higher power," MacAskill said. TAREK EL-TABLAWY (AP)

REACTIONS

The families of victims of the Lockerbie bombing voiced a range of opinions about Abdel Baset al-Megrahi's release:

UNFATHOMABLE DECISION

“I think it's appalling, disgusting and so sickening I can hardly find words to describe it.”

SUSAN COHEN OF CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N.J., WHOSE 20-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER THEODORA DIED IN THE ATTACK.

NOT OPPOSED

“This is not going to hurt any of us for him to be released and go die with his family. We've got to look at one another in a more compassionate way and not rely on war and revenge.”

CAROLINE STEVENS OF LITTLE ROCK, ARK., WHOSE SON SANDY PHILLIPS DIED IN THE BOMBING.

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

“Whatever happens to [al-Megrahi], the bottom line is Luann's still gone.”

ANN ROGERS OF OLNEY, MD., WHOSE DAUGHTER, 21, DIED IN THE ATTACK.

Mexico Gunmen Kill Lawmaker in Troubled Region

ACAPULCO, MEXICO | Gunmen have killed the presiding lawmaker of the state legislature in a drug-plagued Mexican state.

Guerrero state's public safety department says the body of leftist congressman Armando Chavarria was found early Thursday in the passenger seat of a vehicle in the state capital of Chilpancingo.

The report says Chavarria suffered three gunshot wounds.

Chavarria belonged to the Democratic Revolution Party. Police say they have not made arrests or determined a motive. (AP)

China Detains Two in Poisoning

1,300 children fall ill due to pollution from a manganese smelter

BEIJING | China detained two factory officials after 1,300 children were poisoned by pollution from a manganese processing plant, state media said Thursday, days after emissions from a lead smelter in another province sickened hundreds.



Both cases come amid growing anger in China over public safety scandals in which children have been the main victims. Tainted infant formula milk and the mass collapse of schools in a huge earthquake last year have also provoked widespread dissent.

The latest incident involves the Wugang Manganese Smelting Plant

Children affected by lead poisoning rest at a hospital in Fengxiang, China.

70

The percentage of children from near the plant who were found to have too much lead in their blood.

in Hunan province. It opened in May 2008 without the approval of the local environmental protection bureau, within 500 yards of a primary school, a middle school and a kindergarten.

Fears of poisoning began to spread among villagers in early July when many children suffered fevers and other ailments, the Xinhua News Agency said. ALEXA OLESEN (AP)



SCIENCE Getting Nowhere Ever feel that no matter how hard you try, you're walking in circles? A preliminary study by European scientists says that you are. According to the study by researchers at Germany's Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, the myth that people who try to walk a straight line find themselves going in circles is actually true. Researchers found that nine people walking in the desert and in a forest all tended to go in circles and/or veer from a straight line if there was nothing to guide them. (AP)

World

Millions Vote in Afghan Election

Scattered attacks kill 26; Taliban threats fail to disrupt polling

KABUL | Taliban threats scared voters and dampened turnout in the militant south Thursday as Afghans voted for president for the second time ever. Insurgents killed 26 Afghans in scattered attacks, but officials said militants failed to disrupt the vote.

After 10 hours of voting, including a last-minute, one-hour extension, election workers began to count ballots. Initial results weren't expected for several days.

A top election official told The Associated Press he thinks 40 to 50 percent of the country's 15 million registered voters cast ballots — a turnout that would be far lower than the 70 percent who cast ballots for president in 2004.

Low turnout in the south would harm President Hamid Karzai's re-election chances and boost the standing of his top challenger, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah. Turnout in the north



Afghan women in Kabul wait to cast ballots in Thursday's presidential election. A top election official estimated that 40 to 50 percent of eligible voters cast ballots.

appeared to be stronger, a good sign for Abdullah.

International officials have predicted an imperfect election —

Afghanistan's second-ever direct presidential vote — but expressed hope that Afghans would accept it as legitimate, a key component

73

The number of attacks militants led in 15 provinces Thursday, President Hamid Karzai said — a 50 percent rise in attacks compared with the amount in recent days, NATO figures say.

of President Obama's war strategy. Taliban militants, though, pledged to disrupt the vote and circulated threats that those who cast ballots would be punished.

A voting official in Kandahar, the south's largest city and the Taliban's spiritual birthplace, said voting appeared to be 40 percent lower than in 2004. The official asked not to be identified because he wasn't authorized to release turnout figures.

"In the early morning, the turnout was slow, particularly in the south of the country, but in the middle of the day, it turned out to be very good," said Zekria Barakzai, Afghanistan's deputy chief electoral officer. "In central and some northern provinces, the turnout was huge."

JASON STRAZIUSO AND ROBERT H. REID (AP)



A man mourns after seeing the body of his brother, who was killed Wednesday.

Iraq Government Boosts Security

BAGHDAD | The Iraqi government decided to increase security at checkpoints near government buildings and markets, and keep concrete blast barriers around potential targets after a wave of bombings struck Baghdad, government officials said Thursday.

The officials said the move was determined in a meeting Wednesday between Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and security chiefs.

Bombs struck a restaurant in Baghdad, and a bus and a market south of the capital on Thursday, killing at least seven people while fear and anger spread after the deadly bombing spree the day before that killed at least 101. (AP)

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Rescue workers assist a stranded window washer in the District Thursday.

WASHINGTON

Window Washer Rescued After Scaffolding Accident

A window washer had to be rescued after the scaffolding he was working on came loose, stranding him above the ninth story of a D.C. office building. Deputy Fire Chief Ken Crosswhite says the man was working Thursday morning between the ninth and 11th floors in an inner atrium of a building on Connecticut Avenue in NW. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Hotel to Generate Power From Arriving Cars

A Washington hotel has a clean energy solution for arriving guests. New devices being installed outside Georgetown's Four Seasons Hotel will generate electricity with mini-speed bumps that arriving cars will drive over. Meet Patel, CEO of the maker of the device, New Energy Technologies, says it will feel like driving over rumble strips, capturing energy from vehicles that are already slowing down. (AP)

DOSWELL, VA.

Kings Dominion to Debut 'Giga-Coaster' in 2010

Kings Dominion says its \$25 million Intimidator 305 "Giga-coaster" will debut in the spring of 2010. Vice President and General Manager Pat Jones said Thursday the new roller coaster is the largest single capital investment in the park's history. The 5,100-foot-long steel roller coaster is named for NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt, and it has a 305-foot-high lift hill. (AP)

D.C. Protesters Demand Vouchers

Parents, students fight to save 216 children forced back to DCPS

Classes in D.C. public schools start Monday, and 216 students are hoping they won't have to go back. About 70 parents, children and activists joined Thursday in front of the U.S. Department of Education to encourage Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to award vouchers to help the stu-

dents pay for private school.

The students, who were offered vouchers worth up to \$7,500 toward tuition from the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program this spring before Duncan rescinded them in the face of the program's uncertain future, were left to find placements in public and charter schools. Some families have complained that by the time the vouchers were rolled back, there were few spots available at competitive public schools.

"We're hoping that Secretary Duncan is going to look out the window so he can see how strongly the parents support it," said Virginia Walden Ford, executive director of D.C. Parents for School Choice, one of the groups

that organized the protest. "They just put families into a bad situation."

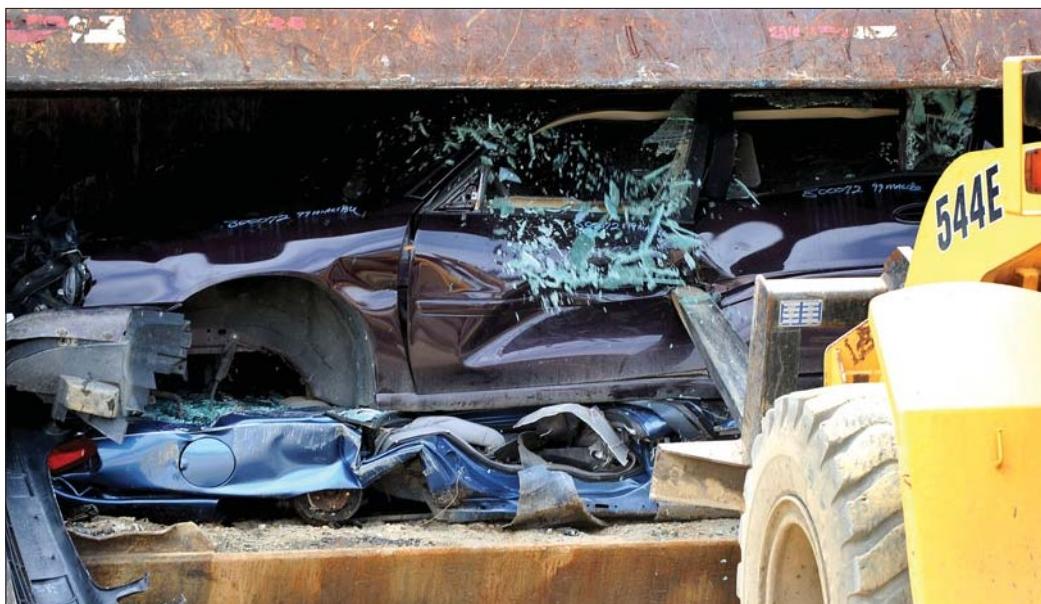


Duncan

The protest drew parents and students already in the voucher program but seemingly few of the 216 whose immediate future is at stake. Children held signs saying "Save the 216" and praised the program.

Congress voted in March to cut off funding for the program after the 2009-10 school year unless the entire program is reauthorized by lawmakers, which will be tough in the Democrat-led body. MICHAEL BIRNBAUM (THE WASHINGTON POST)

washingtonpost.com | CARS FOR CLUNKERVILLE



JONATHAN NEWTON/WP

CRUNCH TIME: A car hits the end of the road Monday at Brandywine Automotive in Brandywine, Md., one of the largest auto recyclers on the East Coast. About 50 clunkers at the 45-acre facility for wrecked and abandoned cars haven't been destroyed yet because of slow government paperwork. • **Rites of Rides:** The "Cash for Clunkers" program has highlighted an aspect of the auto industry rarely focused on — what happens to a car after it dies. | washingtonpost.com/metro

The Lotteries

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	4-4-6
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Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	1-9-9-9
Mid-day D.C. Five	1-7-5-9-0
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	0-8-3-9-3
Daily 6 (Wed.)	2-5-7-14-28-33 (21)

Hot Lotto (Wed.) **3-II-13-25-36 (7)**

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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-7-9
Mid-day Pick 4	0-3-8-1
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Match 5 (Wed.)	5-12-27-32-39 (31)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	4-7-17-24-42-43

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	7-7-1
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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **I-9-0**

Mid-day Pick 4 **7-6-1-3**

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **7-0-8-6**

Mid-day Cash 5 **4-6-13-23-27**

Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) **3-12-17-22-28**

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3 Men Are Charged in Hate Crime

Police say beating of black man in Md. was racially motivated

BALTIMORE | Two teenagers were charged as adults Thursday in what police say was the racially motivated beating of an elderly black fisherman.

Zachary Watson, 17, and Emmanuel Miller, 16, told police they were with Calvin E. Lockner when he attacked the man early Tuesday in a city park on the Patapsco River, but they claimed not to have participated in the beating, according to charging documents. The three suspects, all of whom are white, are charged with attempted murder, assault, armed carjacking and more than a dozen other crimes.

Lockner, 28, a white supremacist who uses "Hitler" as a nickname and has a tattoo of the Nazi leader, was arrested shortly after the beating. He told police the attack would not have happened if the victim had been white, court documents show. All three were charged with attacking the victim because of his race. BEN NUCKOLS (AP)

Money

Old GM Shares Flying off Shelves

Investors still buying stock, though it will be worthless someday

DETROIT | Whether it's a matter of ignorance or greed, people are still buying General Motors stock, even though the company and the government have warned that the shares will someday be worthless.

Investors are picking up millions of shares every day, thinking they'll profit from what is really a hodgepodge of outdated factories and a pile of debt left behind when the new General Motors Co. exited



Due to ignorance or greed, people are still buying stock in the old General Motors.

bankruptcy court protection.

On Thursday, investors traded 13.9 million shares, and the

stock closed at 85 cents, down 4.1 percent.

Industry analysts and regu-

lators say two groups are buying Motors Liquidation stock: People who are confused and think they are getting shares of the new GM for cheap, and day traders or institutional investors hoping for short-term gains as others continue buying the stock.

GM and federal regulators say they have done all they can to warn investors.

"There are people who think they are buying the new General Motors. Stop. You're not. You're buying the detritus," said Harlan Platt, a finance professor at Northeastern University who follows corporate bankruptcies. (AP)

Report: Suicides Up 28 Percent At Work in '08

WASHINGTON | Workplace suicides surged 28 percent last year, the Labor Department said Thursday, as anxious workers dealt with a struggling economy and watched colleagues depart in a rash of layoffs.

At the same time, the agency's Bureau of Labor Statistics said the number of workers who died on the job from any cause fell by 10 percent.

The 5,071 workplace fatalities recorded in 2008 was the lowest number since the agency began tracking the data in 1992. That number includes 251 suicides, the highest number since official reporting began.

Labor officials did not seek to explain the sudden rise in workplace suicides. (AP)

ADS More Pop-Ups — Sweet An upcoming issue of Entertainment Weekly's print edition will be embedded with a video player that will run ads for CBS shows and Pepsi. The ad comes in a heavy-paper package resembling the kind of novelty greeting cards that make noises. A roughly two-inch screen starts playing automatically as the page flips open. A speaker is embedded below it. CBS Corp. and Time Warner Inc.'s Entertainment Weekly billed the video advertisement as the first ever to appear in a print magazine. (AP)

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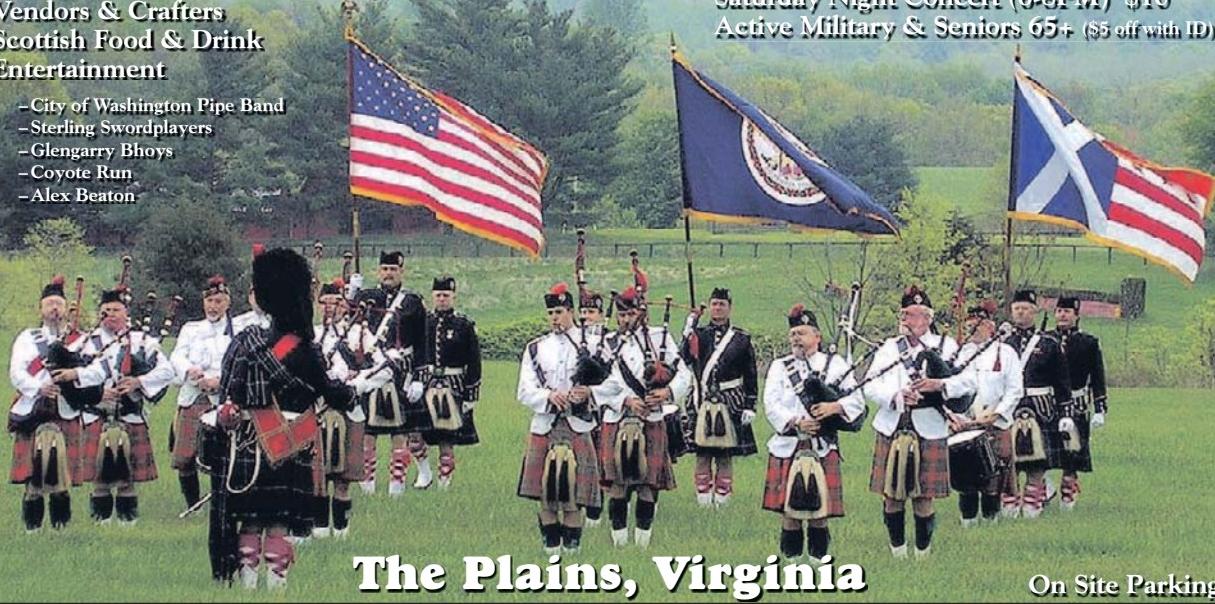
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David Beckham is in town for Ladies Night at RFK Stadium on Saturday.

TONI L. SANDY/STWP
Redskins running back Clinton Portis watches from the sidelines in last week's preseason loss to the Ravens. He'll start against the Steelers on Saturday at FedEx Field.

friday

7 P.M. If you don't buy a ticket for \$1 to see Stephen Strasburg's introduction and then watch the Nats play the Brewers, you probably won't be watching it on TV. MASN2

8 P.M. The Orioles begin a three-game set against the White Sox, who are in second place in the AL Central. MASN

saturday

11 A.M. Get up early to catch the opening games of a full day's worth of action in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. ESPN

4 P.M. How cliché is it that the nationally televised game is the Yankees against the Red Sox? Fox

7:30 P.M. The Redskins try to avoid being shut out against the Steelers in a preseason game. NBC4, CSN

7:30 P.M. Not long ago, David Beckham would be a draw. The L.A. Galaxy visits D.C. United for a game. FSC

7:30 P.M. NASCAR's Sprint Cup rolls into Bristol, Tenn., for the Sharpie 500. ESPN

sunday

1:30 P.M. The Nats get their red on for a Sunday matinee in the third game of a four-game series against Price Fielder's Brewers. MASN2

2 P.M. The O's wrap up their visit to Chicago before moving on to Minnesota. MASN

Attitude Adjustment



7:30 P.M. | CSN
Saturday

Redskins don't want to look soft against Steelers in exhibition

REDSKINS | You can't make the playoffs in training camp.

But being shut out in your pre-season opener doesn't exactly build confidence. And it can't be reassuring when your head coach has to come out and clarify exactly what he meant when he said some guys were playing soft.

Still, no one seemed to be in panic mode this week at Redskins Park. The players say they've taken

coach Jim Zorn's criticism as a constructive warning that standards are going to be higher. "One thing we want to be is tougher and have

"I think everybody knows where we went wrong. It's not like you have to go back to the drawing board."

—REDSKINS RB CLINTON PORTIS

more of an attitude," said quarterback Jason Campbell.

While the first-team offensive line held its ground against Baltimore's menacing defense, the Redskins still weren't able to get near the end zone — an Achilles' heel down the stretch last season that cost them a playoff spot.

The road to the regular season doesn't get any easier. Washington hosts Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh on Saturday at FedEx Field. "I think everybody knows where we went wrong," tailback Clinton Portis said. "It's not like you have to go back to the drawing board and come up with a whole other game plan."

When the regular season comes, the missing attitude Campbell described is likely to be provided by a pair of guys who didn't play last week. Portis is expected to make a rare pre-season appearance Saturday. Also, \$100 million defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth should make his Redskins debut.

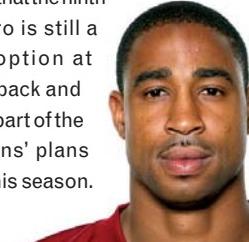
"I am eager that [Haynesworth] finally gets to show a little bit of what he can do," Zorn said.

ERIC BRANDNER

Redskins Consider Smoot for Safety Valve

Fred Smoot at safety? The never-shy Redskin has been taking reps on the last line of defense this pre-season. Still, with his days as a No. 1 corner likely behind him, Smoot has been working out at safety to give the Redskins more options in the defensive backfield.

"I think Fred realizes ... that he can add some years to his career [by learning the safety position]," defensive coordinator Greg Blatche said, adding that the ninth-year pro is still a solid option at cornerback and will be part of the Redskins' plans there this season.



PENALTIES Memphis Blues The NCAA has stripped Memphis of every men's basketball victory in its 38-win season under coach John Calipari that ended in the national title game last year. The reason: an ineligible player believed to be Derrick Rose. Memphis President Shirley Raines said the school would appeal Thursday's ruling. It is the second time both Memphis and Calipari have had to vacate Final Four seasons. The Tigers were stripped of their 1985 appearance, and Calipari's Massachusetts team lost its 1996 berth. (AP)

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In Brief



Former Giants receiver Plaxico Burress walks out of court on Thursday.

SETH WENIG/AP

NEW YORK

Burress Agrees to Two Years in Prison in Plea Deal

Facing the prospect of spending at least 3½ years behind bars, one-time Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress on Thursday accepted a plea bargain with a two-year prison sentence for accidentally shooting himself in the thigh at a Manhattan nightclub. The former New York Giants wide receiver will be sentenced Sept. 22, and lawyer Benjamin Brafman said he expects Burress to begin serving his sentence immediately after. (AP)

NFL

Bucs' Talib Arrested

Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Aqib Talib has been arrested for allegedly punching a taxi driver. Talib posted bail Thursday on charges of simple battery and resisting arrest without violence. (AP)

Top pick Strasburg to spend a weekend with his new team

NATIONALS | It's rare in baseball: the phenom plucked fresh out of college, signed to a record contract and asked almost immediately to become the new star attraction on the big league club.

Baseball is a game in which players take pride in paying their dues, riding buses through minor-league towns such as Kannapolis, N.C., and Charleston, W.Va.

They often bunk with host families and earn their way to the big leagues by outperforming has-beens and never-will-bes in stadiums where the literally hundreds of fans who show up are often rewarded for their troubles with coupons for free coffee or hamburgers.

How are these guys supposed to take Stephen Strasburg, the Washington Nationals No. 1 draft pick and proud new owner of a \$15.1 million contract without ever throwing a professional pitch?

The 21-year-old right-hander on Friday will get his first chance to ingratiate himself with his future teammates. Strasburg will arrive at the ballpark for his introductory press conference in the afternoon.



Without throwing a big-league pitch, Stephen Strasburg scored a \$15 million contract this week with the Washington Nationals.

“We want him to take away a really good feeling from Washington, D.C.”

—NATIONALS GENERAL MANAGER MIKE RIZZO, ON STEPHEN STRASBURG'S FIRST WEEKEND WITH HIS NEW TEAM

WHAT'S NEXT?

Don't expect Strasburg to stay in the minors for long, if at all.

SUMMER He'll first head to Florida, where he'll stretch out his arm and maybe pitch in a few instructional league games.

FALL After the Florida season ends, he'll join other top prospects in the Arizona Fall League.

WINTER By February, he'll be in spring training with the Nats, with an eye on a spot in the big leagues.

He'll stay with the team through the end of the weekend.

If there is any resentment among the current batch of Nationals, General Manager Mike Rizzo doesn't expect it will show. And he thinks Strasburg's maturity and temperament will serve him well as he attempts to fit in.

"He's going to handle it terrifically," Rizzo said. "He's a baseball player; these guys are baseball players. They know it's a busi-

ness until you get between the lines, and that's how they're going to take it."

This weekend is a glimpse into Strasburg's future and the Nationals'. Rizzo wants him to make an impression on the town and the town to make an impression on him.

"I want him to see the city, I want him to see the beautiful ballpark, I want him to meet his future teammates, I want him to meet the front-office people that he's going to be affiliated with for the foreseeable future," Rizzo said. "And we want him to take away a really good feeling from Washington, D.C." DEREK TURNER

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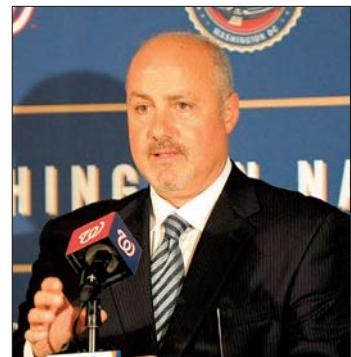
Former interim lands full-time GM position after Strasburg deal

NATIONALS | What a week for Mike Rizzo. What a week for the Washington Nationals.

After 5½ months of doing the work of Washington's general manager — including signing No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg to a record deal just a few days ago — Rizzo is getting the big title, too.

Rizzo, the acting general manager since spring training, was still technically an assistant general manager. Now he will be the team's general manager and senior vice president of baseball operations, a promotion the Nationals announced at a news conference Thursday.

"Mike was one of the architects of our plan to be competitive long-term, and the last few months have only proven that there's no one more capable than Mike of continuing our vision for the franchise," said



JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Rizzo was introduced Thursday as the Nats' new permanent general manager.

team President Stan Kasten.

Rizzo was given the general manager's duties after Jim Bowden abruptly resigned as Washington's general manager March 1.

Rizzo joined the Nationals as assistant general manager in July 2006, after seven seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks, primarily as director of scouting. He was a minor league player for four years and is widely regarded as a strong evaluator of talent. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

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NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON

Rizzo Gets Job He Deserves

YOU WANT TO know how important signing Stephen Strasburg — yes, we're still talking about him — was for the Washington Nationals?

Look no further than Thursday's press conference, in which Mike Rizzo deservedly shed the interim tag from his general manager's title.

As recently as Wednesday, there were rumors that team President Stan Kasten was going to go outside the organization for a permanent replacement for Jim Bowden.

While the rumors were clearly false, there probably was a grain of truth in there at some point.

Could it be that Rizzo's perfor-

mance was being evaluated solely on his ability to close a deal with Scott Boras?

This week's generally positive feeling about the organization can be traced back to that.

Not to mention, the team has been a whole lot better during the

Rizzo isn't flashy. ... He's the kind of guy who goes out and gets the job done.

second half of the year — mostly due to a trade for Nyjer Morgan and the replacement of Manny Acta with Jim Riggleman as manager.

Rizzo isn't flashy, nor does he look to make a big splash with each move. He's the kind of guy who goes out and gets the job done.

In other words, he's just what the Nationals needed.

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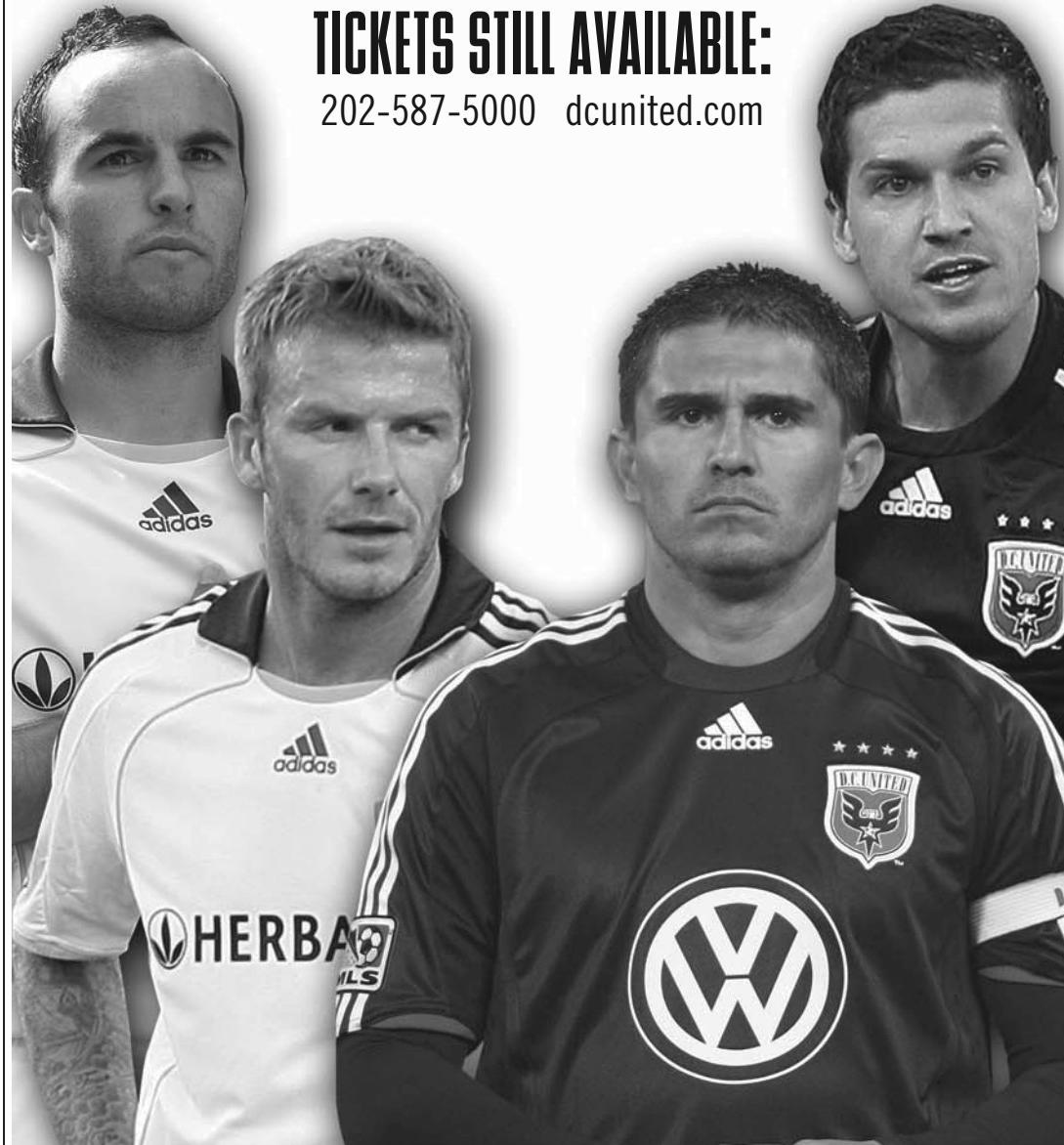
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Bolt Strikes in 200M

Jamaican sprinter sets another record at world championships

TRACK AND FIELD | Usain Bolt startled the world again.

The Jamaican sprinting great captured the 200-meter gold medal in 19.19 seconds Thursday, yet another world record.

Gritting his teeth, he pointed to the clock as soon as the time flashed.

His time in the 200 sliced 0.11 seconds off the mark he set last year at the Beijing Olympics and came four days after he broke his 100 record by the same margin.

"I was running my heart out," Bolt said. "I got my start right, and that was the key. And when I got the start, I knew [I] was fine."

And, never shy to dream, he had a thought: What if Queen Elizabeth knighted him Sir Usain Bolt?

"That sounds very nice," Bolt said.

Bolt is now five for five in major



Usain Bolt was a blur to his competition in the 200-meter race on Thursday. The sprinter set a second world record this week in Berlin with time of 19.19 seconds.

sprint events. He won the gold in the 100, 200 and sprint relay in Beijing's Bird Nest, each time with a world record.

Now he is one race away from doing likewise in Berlin.

Alonso Edward of Panama was second, a distant 0.62 seconds behind Bolt.

Wallace Spearmon of the United States took bronze.

"Just coming out there, I'm just waiting for the lights to flash 'game over,' cause I felt like I was in a video game," said Shawn Crawford, who finished fourth. "That guy was moving — fast."

RAF CASERT (AP)

Father: Runner Is 'My Little Girl'

S. African's family defends teen amid gender controversy

TRACK AND FIELD | A day after winning her first 800-meter world title amid a gender-test controversy, the father of South African teenager Caster Semenya dismissed speculation his daughter is not a woman.

The 18-year-old runner's father, Jacob, told the Sowetan newspaper: "She is my little girl. ... I raised her, and I have never doubted her gender. She is a woman, and I can repeat that a million times."

Semenya dominated her rivals to win the 800 on Wednesday despite revelations that surfaced



Caster Semenya's gender test has overshadowed Wednesday's victory.

The test, which takes weeks to complete, requires a physical medical evaluation and includes reports from a gynecologist, an endocrinologist, a psychologist, an internal medicine specialist and an expert on gender.

IAAF general secretary Pierre Weiss said the testing was ordered because of "ambiguity, not because we believe she is cheating."

Semenya's family in the village of Fairlie, about 300 miles north of Johannesburg, said she was often teased about her boyish looks.

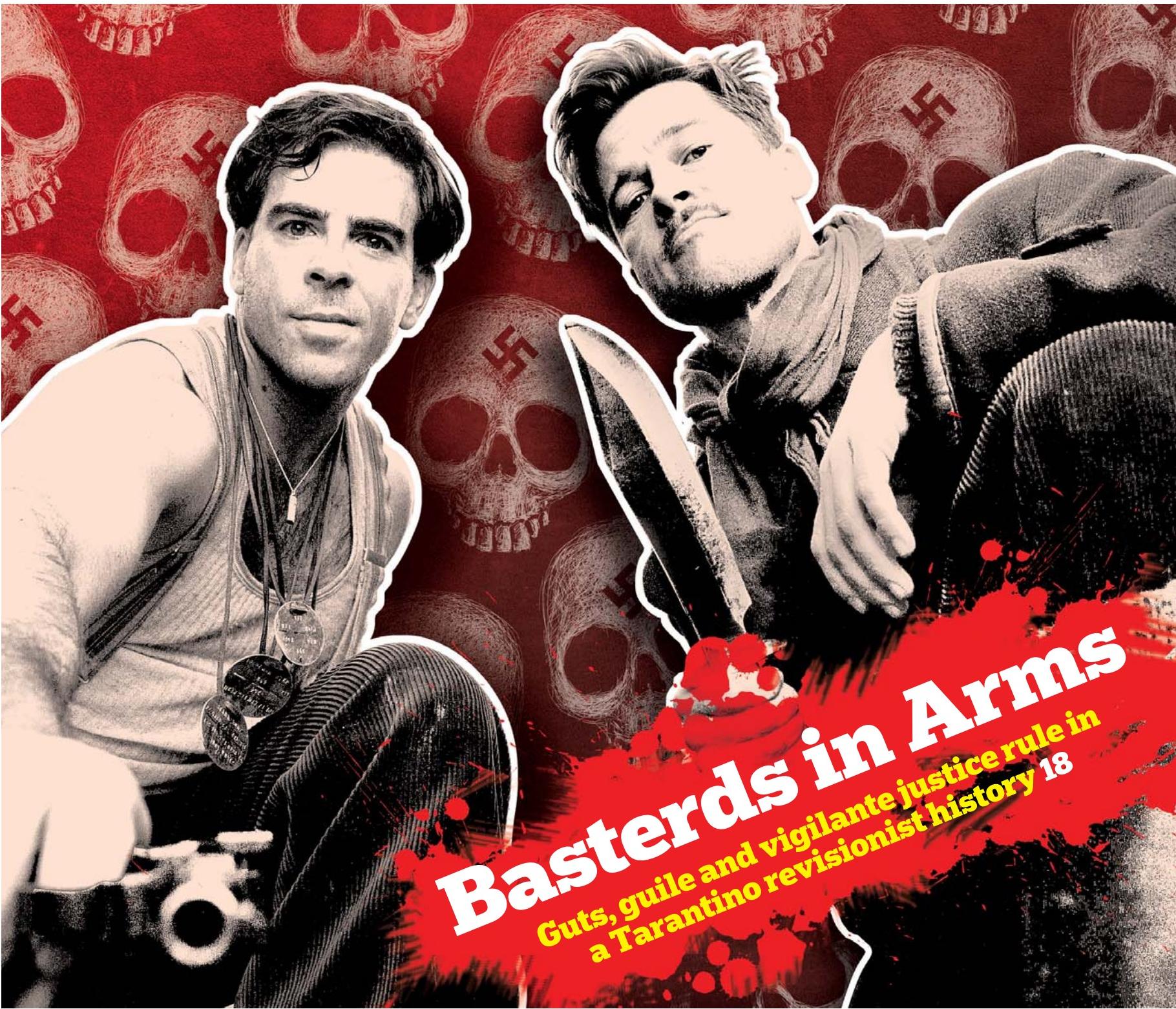
"That's how God made her," said Semenya's cousin, Evelyn Sekgala. "We brought her up in a way that when people start making fun of her, she shouldn't get upset." RYAN LUCAS (AP)

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TLC

Susannah Constantine & Trinny Woodall

U.K. STYLE EXPERTS, CROPPED-PANTS HATERS

In England, if Susannah Constantine and Trinny Woodall knock on your door, it's a sure sign you're about to have your whole look made over. The fashion gurus hosted the BBC version of "What Not to Wear" for five seasons and have penned numerous sartorial books. Their newest show, "Making Over America With Trinny and Susannah" (Fri., 10 p.m.) premieres on TLC tonight. In it, they invade the lives — and closets — of several U.S. women, giving them new style and confidence.

On the show, women get drastic makeovers. How do you do that without making them mad?

WOODALL: Our approach is direct, which, I think, breeds trust.

CONSTANTINE: And we're willing to show women how they should

dress by using our own bodies as examples. Trinny will show the reality of those stumpy legs she has to walk around on.

What does going in another woman's closet say about her?

CONSTANTINE: The state of a woman's wardrobe is very indicative of how she feels about herself. Often, we'll see someone keeping a load of clothes that don't fit, thinking she'll lose weight. There's nothing more depressing than that!

What's one fashion mistake you see over and over again?

WOODALL: Women who hate one part of their body, like their tummy, who then tent themselves from boob to floor to try to disguise that.

CONSTANTINE: Many younger women

follow fashion too rigorously without considering their shapes.

Is there an item of clothing you'd like to ban worldwide?

CONSTANTINE: I'd ban high-waisted jeans. They make a woman's waist look as wide as her butt. And skinny jeans are hard, too. If you wear them, and you're a pear shape, you look terrible.

"The 1980s? Who decided to bring them back? Women will regret big-shouldered jackets."

WOODALL: Cropped pants. They make your legs look too short.

Will fall trends help or hurt women's dressing for their shapes?

CONSTANTINE: I'm sorry, but the '80s? Who brought them back? I think women will regret those big-shouldered jackets next year.

WOODALL: Still, though, if you look at it, some of the trend is 1940s. A Joan Crawford dress looks really good on an hourglass figure. And if you have small shoulders, a Balmain-type jacket with significant shoulders can repropportion you.

You're both in your 40s. How do you deal with dressing well as you age?

CONSTANTINE: I think there shouldn't be any rules. But after a certain age, it shouldn't be about showing too much flesh.

Do American women dress differently than Brits?

CONSTANTINE: American women dress a lot better for work. They're very confident. It's when they go home that they have trouble expressing themselves. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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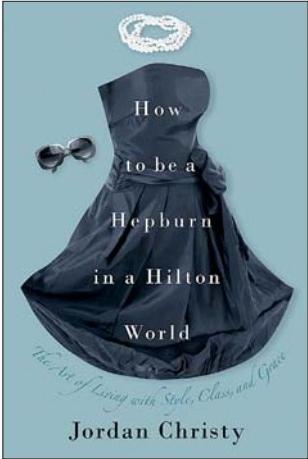
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goods lookout



Saving Grace



4 WE IMAGINE that Audrey H., Jackie O. or any of their chic contemporaries would throw up their well-manicured hands at the mishaps of today's top starlets (and, in particular, the A-list's unwavering insistence of going sans underwear). Jordan Christy's new book, "How to be a Hepburn in a Hilton World" (\$17, Center Street), updates old-school advice on proper manners, appropriate dress and all-around class for these times of unavoidable crass. Yes, we're looking at you, Lindsay Lohan.



Grab Bag

Arches Support

LIKE BEE-STUNG LIPS, smoky eyes and dainty ankles before them, well-groomed eyebrows have become a major fixation for the style set. Keep yours in shape with Benefit's new Brows-a-Go-Go kit (\$38, Benefitcosmetics.com), which packs a teensy tweezer, light wax, brow-shaping powders, a mini liner pencil and eye highlighters into a single sleek compact. It might sound slightly scary (or terribly overwhelming), but the included step-by-step instructions painlessly take you from bushy Scorsese territory to sculpted and sleek.



Devil's Foodstuff?

SOME BIBLE SCHOLARS think that it was a ripe fig, not an apple, that caused Eve to get kicked out of her swell digs. A spoonful of Olio & Spices' sweetly smoky Barbecue Figs sauce (\$7, Respectyourtaste.com) suggests the eviction might've been worth it. Slather the not-too-sugary stuff on grilled chicken or even use it as an unctuous foil to goat cheese. Best of all, the sauce is low-fat, meaning snarfing it down isn't sinful at all.



Off the 'Runway'

WE'VE BEEN WAITING impatiently for the return of "Project Runway" while Heidi and co. finagled the show's leap to Lifetime. But even before season six got under way this week, early reports were abuzz over contestant Epperson, the industry vet who's already earned a following for his wearably avant-garde pieces. If the dreadlocked designer gets auf'd early, you can still check out his crafted creations — including edgy tailored blazers (shown, \$650) — off-screen at Upstairs on 7th (555 12th St. NW; 301-351-8308).

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Summer is at an end, and I need a new pair of work shoes for the fall — something with a bit of a heel. Of course, I can't afford anything too extravagant, as I am but a poor working girl. Please help. — KATIE

■ Manolo says, as always, the Manolo counsels his friends to save their monies and purchase the most super-fantastic work shoes possible. Nothing is as satisfying as wearing beautiful shoes of high quality into your place of employment.

Of course, the Manolo knows that the economic times, they are very



difficult indeed, and in technical terms, the economic conditions are as hard as the lips of the woodpecker.

Likewise, the Manolo knows what it is like to be poor, so poor that you must make your own super-fantastic work shoes out of promotional key chains and drink cozies you have pilfered from your previous place of work and worked into the surprisingly attractive pair of Ringo Starr ankle boots.

Look, here is the Bayville Loafer from the Michael Michael Kors (\$98, Zappos.com). The handsome heeled patent-leather loafer is available with stitching in the deep red color that the Manolo thinks is wonderfully autumnal.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

event horizon

Feast on flowers at the Botanic Gardens' free Culinary Arts Fest (Sat., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Usbg.gov).

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nightlife agenda



D.C. biker bar Asylum celebrates itself tonight by giving you some cheap beer.

FRIDAY

It's been a long, strange 18 years for local biker/metal bar **ASYLUM**, from its early days on Ninth Street NW (in what's now the DC9 space) to a few years "in exile" near 11th and U streets. The last decade has been spent in the heart of Adams Morgan, where it has grown from a tiny basement-level dive to a two-story restaurant and bar with live music and a vegan menu. Through it all, Asylum has stayed popular and relevant by sticking to its guns. The rock music is loud. The beer is cheap (especially at Saturday's happy hour). There's plenty of motorcycle parking out front. Friday's anniversary party features live music by local reggae band Lucky Dub, DJ Joshua spinning punk and heavy-metal classics, and 18-cent beers — that's not a misprint — from 8 to 10 p.m., then \$1.80 beers until close.

SATURDAY

How many cities do you know that have a septuagenarian funk machine who serves as a grandfather to multiple generations of residents and rocks parties several nights a week? D.C. is naming a street after our dear Chuck Brown on Saturday and celebrating with a block party at Seventh and T streets NW. We endorse this. You can keep the good times rolling at the **9:30 CLUB** for the godfather's official birthday celebration.



AND ALL THAT BRAD: One of the most entertaining parts of Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds" is a riotous performance by Brad Pitt, right, as Tennessean Lt. Aldo Raine.

Almost Glorious

Quentin Tarantino's revisionist history is self-indulgent but still enjoyable

FILM | If only Quentin Tarantino the director weren't so completely in love with Quentin Tarantino the writer, "Inglourious Basterds" might have been a great movie rather than just a good movie with moments of greatness.

Everything that's thrilling and maddening about his films co-exists and co-mingles here: the visual dexterity and the interminable dialogue; the homage to cinema and the self-glorifying drive to redefine it; the compelling bursts of energy and the numbingly draggy sections.

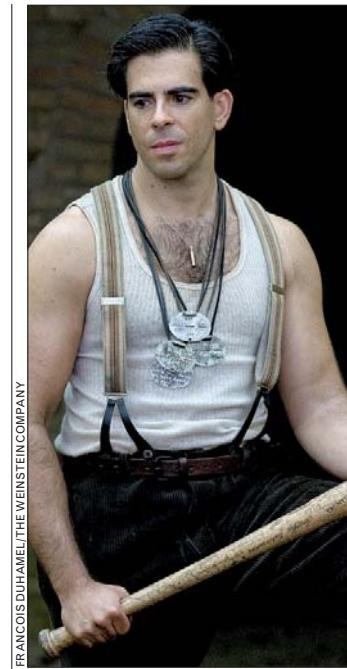
And then there is the violence, of course: violence as a source of humor; as sport; violence mere-

'INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS'

- **DIRECTOR:** Quentin Tarantino
- **STARS:** Brad Pitt, Eli Roth
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** A band of Jewish American soldiers (led by Pitt) get their violent revenge in a hunt for Nazis.
- **FOR FANS OF:** "Grindhouse," "Pulp Fiction," "Kill Bill"

ly because it looks cool on camera; and because the 46-year-old Tarantino still has the sensibilities of a 12-year-old boy.

As for the plot, well, it might be in there somewhere among the many meandering threads. In one of them, "Inglourious Basterds" follows a band of Jewish American soldiers, led by twangy Tennessean Lt. Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt), who hunt Nazis with the goal of not just killing them but scalping them and sometimes carving swastikas into their foreheads.



"Hostel" director Eli Roth is also front and center, wielding his baseball bat in the most gruesome ways possible.

Pitt is a hoot, by the way, in the tradition of his best comic supporting work in films such as "Snatch" and "Burn After Reading." He's pretty much doing a bad impression of George W. Bush — campy but irresistible — and it is always such a joy to watch him let go and goof off.

Among his "Dirty Dozen"-style crew are "Hostel" director Eli Roth as a Boston native who likes to take a baseball bat to the enemy's skull as if he were Ted Williams facing a fastball.

But Pitt isn't the star, despite being the biggest name and marketing focal point. "Inglourious Basterds" also intertwines several other characters, all of whom converge one night. And while the path to that moment can be torturous, it can also be a visual wonder.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

FILMMAKING **Obstruction of Justice** Brian Dennehy will direct the fact-based drama "Redemption." It involves the story of Joyce Ann Brown — who spent more than nine years in prison for a 1980 fur-store robbery and murder in Dallas that she didn't commit — and Jim McClosey, a crusader for the wrongly convicted, who fought for her release. Dennehy recently appeared in the films "Righteous Kill" and "Assault on Precinct 13," and has directed seven TV movies. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)



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entertainment lookout

When You Wish Upon a Rock

Roberto Rodriguez's 'Shorts' lacks creative flair and a solid plot and is just plain gross

FILM | What would you wish for if you found a rainbow-colored rock that told you to make a wish? Would you go for world peace, a million bucks? Or like the kids in "Shorts," would you wish for a castle and a moat protected by snakes, not realizing the complications that might crop up?

We'd wish that writer-director Robert Rodriguez, who brought us the finely wrought darkness of "Sin City," would set aside the kids stuff and get back to the promise of his earlier work — right after world peace and a million bucks.

Here's some food for thought. In "Shorts," one of the centerpiece moments features a big, slimy, green special-effects booger monster named Booger Monster (gross), which probably cost much more than the \$7,000 and change Rodriguez spent to make the ter-



MASS CONFUSION: "Shorts" is a film full of kids and made for kids, but kids might not follow its scattered, convoluted plot.

rific 1992 thriller "El Mariachi."

The story's narrator and central player is an 11-year-old named Toe Thompson (Jimmy Bennett). He lives in the company town of Black Hall with his parents, played by Jon Cryer and Leslie Mann. Like the rest of the grown-ups, they work for the nefarious Black Box

Industries, which is in the business of creating powerful black boxes. James Spader, always a good choice for a bad guy, is Mr. Black, the nasty head of the company. But, no matter who is in possession of the rainbow rock, the result is basically one hot potato of a bad wish after another, although the

whirling gizmos that clean up Toe's room aren't bad.

The problem with "Shorts," and there are many, is in the execution. The blown-up plot line would at times derail even the little ones, and the many fine comedic grown-ups are mostly squandered.

BETSY SHARKEY (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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Welcome to Adulthood

'Post Grad' takes a muddled, boring look at life after college

FILM | "Post Grad" — a comedy about a driven, hardworking college student who can't find a job after she graduates — actually might have been relevant. It might have been a satirical and insightful look into how our soured economy has dashed the dreams of a generation. Instead, it's a flat and tonally jumbled amalgamation of "Adventureland," "Little Miss Sunshine" and "Some Kind of Wonderful."

Alexis Bledel maintains a steady level of wide-eyed pluckiness as Ryden Malby (a name that looks



Alexis Bledel, second from right, stars as a grad in need of gainful employment.

like an anagram), who just got out of school and dreams of working at a prestigious Los Angeles publishing house. When she doesn't get the job she applied for, she ends up back home in the San Fernando Valley

with the kind of eccentric family you find only in the movies.

Michael Keaton, as her dad, sells novelty belt buckles; Carol Burnett, as Grandma, is obsessed with her own death; and Jane

Lynch as her mother plays the straight woman for once, which isn't a whole lot of fun.

Meanwhile, Ryden rebuffs the romantic advances of her best friend, the spineless and worshipful Adam (Zach Gilford), and instead enjoys a fling with her sexy Brazilian neighbor (Rodrigo Santoro), even though — duh — the guy she's supposed to be with has been right in front of her all along.

Animation veteran Vicki Jenson ("Shrek," "Shark Tale"), directing her first live-action feature from a script by first-timer Kelly Fremon, awkwardly juggles all these subplots. She also squanders the comic presence of J.K. Simmons, Fred Armisen, Craig Robinson and Demetri Martin in minuscule supporting roles.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



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ADAM (PG-13, 97 minutes) Beth (Rose Byrne), just out of a disastrous relationship, has moved into a new apartment, and she's interested in the cute guy on the second floor (Hugh Dancy). Adam has Asperger's syndrome, which renders him unable to empathize or to understand what other people are feeling. At its best, the film makes the viewer understand the frustration of living in a world in which everyone is a stranger. (DK)

ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG, 86 minutes) Children on vacation stumble across four diminutive aliens (animated) who have landed in the attic at the vanguard of a Zirconian invasion force. It's up to the kids — who can resist the alien mind-and-body control ray that turns select adults into zombie puppets — to save the Earth.

ORLANDO SENTINEL



HUMANS VS. ALIENS: Sharlto Copley stars as Wikus van der Merwe in the stunning extraterrestrial action flick "District 9."

BANDSLAM (PG, 111 minutes) Will Burton (Gaelan Connell) is a high-scholar who has recently moved from Cincinnati with his single mom (Lisa Kudrow). Maybe you've met this sort of boy: nervy and witty, introverted, unruly hair, impeccable taste in music, heart of gold. Will finds himself, after several quick twists of fate — collaborating on a class project with the bookaholic Sa5m (Vanessa Hudgens); no, we never learn whence the "5," though we do know it's silent. Meanwhile, bombshell upperclassman Charlotte (Aly Michalka) takes Will under her wing. And Will whips Charlotte's band into shape for the upcoming Bandslam competition. Meanwhile, Will's romancing friendship with Sa5m progresses with halting awkwardness and tender kinship. The script's earnest intelligence and the actors' charm (Connell, Hudgens and Kudrow are especially fun to watch) make this film an entertaining ode to teenage joie de vivre. RUTH MCCANN

BRÜNO (R, 88 minutes) The latest mock-documentary satiric ritual from comic provocateur Sacha Baron Cohen may count as

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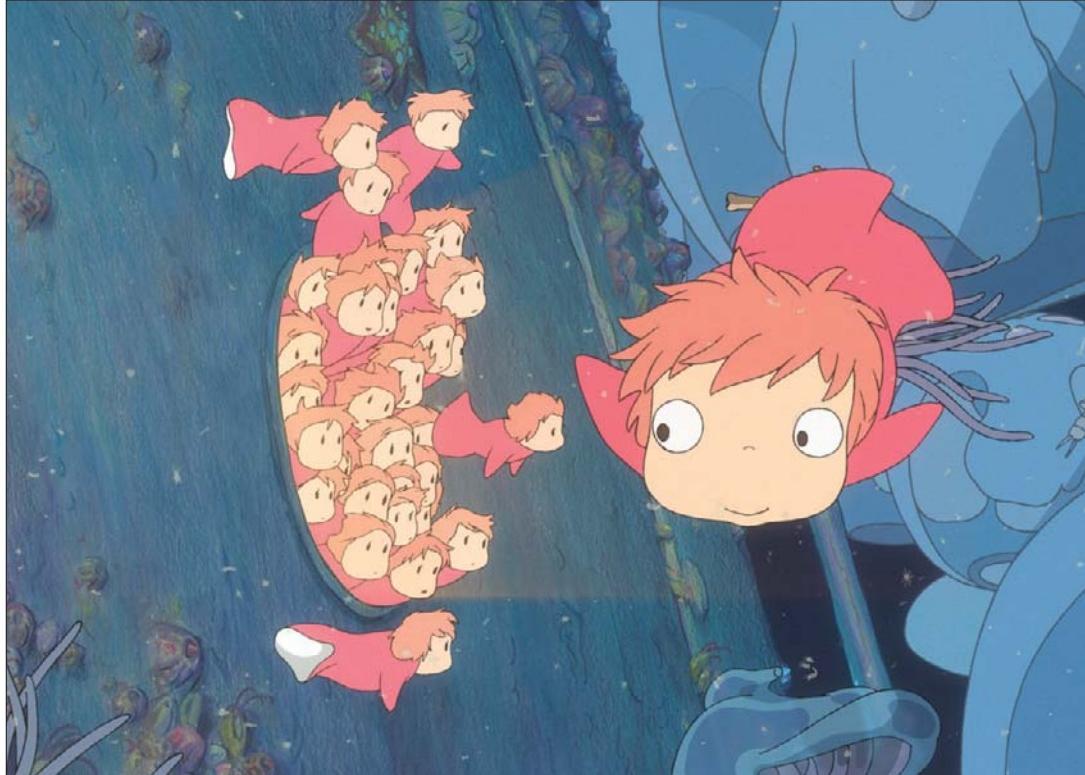
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the summer's biggest misfire. (AH)

THE COLLECTOR (R, 88 minutes) Marcus Dunstan and co-writer Patrick Melton have written and directed a soulless slice of torture porn about a masked monster who butchers households full of people with booby traps, sparing one victim's life for his "collection." ORLANDO SENTINEL

THE COVE (PG-13, 92 minutes) If this film breaks out of the documentary circuit, it will be a major headache for the Japanese government, the dolphin fishing industry and the small Japanese town of Taiji, where every September dolphins are killed by the thousands. The slaughter is part of a traditional fishing culture, according to the Japanese. But if you succumb to the emotional appeal of this documentary, that culture emerges as not just a bloody and brutal business but almost as bad as genocide. PHILIP KENNICOTT

DISTRICT 9 (R, 112 minutes) The poison that permeates this phenomenal film is the same toxin that defined so much of 20th-century history: the oppression of the Other — in this case, scaly aliens with feelers for faces, a jones for canned cat



SWEET, DREAMY: Hayao Miyazaki's "Ponyo" is a masterful, under-the-sea adventure sure to enchant viewers of any age.

food and a mother ship that has been hovering over Johannesburg for 20 years. The underlying gravitas of the story, in which aliens are warehoused in camps and used for gruesome experiments, keeps director Neill Blomkamp's film smart, even as the aliens are turning their pursuers into Heinz 57 Sauce. As the craven corporate tool Wikus van de Merwe, acting newcomer Sharlto Copley is nothing short of revelatory. Wikus is assigned to move the aliens from their ramshackle township to tent cities that are, in fact, concentration camps. The aliens are hard to like, but we like them, just as we end up liking Wikus and rooting for the demise of Greater Human Civilization. That we barely get to catch our breath is not a bad thing either. (JA)

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Tom, who believes wholeheartedly in love, and Summer, who isn't sure about love at all. What makes us connect is Tom's funny, morose and ironic commentary as he does his damndest to reach the heart of a woman whose idea of lover and friend is, well, confusing. (DT)

FOOD, INC. (PG, 94 minutes) This absorbing look behind the curtain of the cynical and often sickening workings of the modern industrial food system does a superb job of making its case that our current food ways are drastically out of whack. The film deftly demonstrates how issues such as illegal immigration, public health and intellectual property law intersect at the largely hidden nexus of Big Meat. (AH)

FUNNY PEOPLE (R, 145 minutes) As the film opens, comic superstar George Simmons (Adam Sandler) gets the news that he is suffering from a probably fatal form of leukemia. Meanwhile, Ira Wright (Seth Rogen) works the unpaid L.A. comedy club circuit by night. George catches Ira's act and asks him to be his writing assistant and, it turns out, one-man entourage. Writer-director Judd Apatow's alert, crude and compassionate film takes digressive, thoroughly unexpected turns as George takes stock of his life. (AH)



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G-FORCE (PG, 88 minutes) This aggressively stupid entry in the family-adventure genre from Jerry Bruckheimer is a dispiriting primer on the low regard Hollywood has for the intelligence of children. (DK)

G.I. JOE (PG-13, 118 minutes) Stephen Sommers' film is the loudest, flashiest, silliest and longest blockbuster in a summer full of long, silly, flashy, loud blockbusters. As far as plot goes, the crack commando team of G.I. Joes encounter an evil weapons dealer, a mad scientist, nanobots with a taste for 19th-century Parisian landmarks, a funny black guy, a couple of unconvincing romances and a girl who's been brainwashed into becoming a lethal killing machine. (DK)

THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R, 89 minutes) This sloppy compendium of filthy jokes and lowbrow sight gags is brought to us by producers Will Ferrell and Adam McKay. Granted, there are laughs to be had in this film, which features Ferrell in two of the funniest scenes. But most often they're cheap and easy, delivered with crude attempts at shock value. Jeremy Piven plays Don Ready, a car salesman who parachutes in when a dealership is in trouble. Ben Selleck (James Brolin), who must have a strong Fourth of July weekend or lose his business forever, calls him in. Soon, Don's prime motivation becomes impressing Selleck's comely daughter, Ivy (Jordana Spiro). Rooting for him to fail is Ivy's dweeb fiance, Paxton (Ed Helms), who sells foreign cars and leads a boy band called Big Ups. But the vehicle barely makes it to the finish line, wheezing and sputtering like one of Selleck's clunkers. (AH)

THE HANGOVER (R, 99 minutes) Doug (Justin Bartha) and three guy friends (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis) decide to enjoy one last hurrah in Las Vegas two days before Doug ties the knot. But almost as soon as they embark on that good night, all becomes oblivion. (DT)

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG, 153 minutes) Love potions, common-room snogging, adolescent heartbreak. It's hard to blame the film's screenwriter, Steve Kloves, or director, David Yates, for focusing on the romance. After all, as young-adult adventures go, the sixth book in the "Harry Potter" series is awfully light on the adventure. (DK)

THE HURT LOCKER (R, 130 minutes) Kathryn Bigelow's captivating, completely immersive action thriller is set in Iraq in 2004, but it transcends time and place,

and in the process attains something universal and enduring. Viewers are plunged into the disorienting world of the soldiers who disarm what Americans have come to know as IEDs, or roadside bombs, neither of which does full justice to the carnage they inflict. (AH)

IN THE LOOP (unrated, 106 minutes) To American audiences, this hard-edged British political satire will feel like an evil

version of "The West Wing," with hyper-speed dialogue and Type-A sociopaths big-footing their way to the top over friend and foe. The story follows the run-up to a critical vote in the United Nations that will likely lead to a U.S.-led war in the Middle East. PHILIP KENNICOTT

JULIE AND JULIA (PG, 118 minutes) Two movies battle for pride of place in Nora Ephron's adaptation of memoirs by

blogger Julie Powell and culinary legend Julia Child. Either way, Powell's whiny, sad-sack self-absorption is no match for Child's spirit, strength of character and joie de vivre, a fact made painfully clear in a movie that soars whenever Child (Meryl Streep) is on the screen and sags when Powell shows up. (AH)

MOON (R, 97 minutes) Sam Bell is stationed on the moon sometime in the future

to oversee the mining of clean energy from moon rocks. He has been there for three years, beaming power back to Earth. Then he finds something on the surface of the moon that throws everything into doubt — including, tragically, the film's logic. "Moon," a moody sci-fi morsel, has the right look, the right sound and the right feel. But storywise, it fails to live up to the

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promise of its premise. DAN ZAK

ORPHAN (R, 123 minutes) It's hard to know where to begin when assessing the depraved, worthless piece of filth that is this high-gloss horror show about a well-

meaning couple who bring home a 9-year-old girl to join their family, only to discover, too late, that she's a homicidal psychopath. Surely, writers David Leslie Johnson and Alex Mace deserve their own circle of hell for thinking up the story. Both Peter Sarsgaard and Vera Farmiga are apparently in desperate need of a paycheck — otherwise, how to explain lending their considerable talents to such rank exploi-

tation? Shame on them all. (AH)
PAPER HEART (PG-13, 88 minutes) Something cold and calculating beats at the center of this ingratiating, mostly mock documentary by comedian and actress Charlyne Yi ("Knocked Up"). A shy, bespectacled tomboy, Yi announces at the beginning of the movie that she doesn't believe in love, then sets off with a film crew across the American South to

interview real-life couples about their relationships. The faux naivete really begins to grate when Yi "meets" actor Michael Cera and they embark on what purports to be their real-life relationship but is really a coy, fictionalized version thereof. (AH)

A PERFECT GETAWAY (R, 97 minutes) David Twohy's thriller/romance/travelogue seems to have enough red herrings on board to scuttle a cruise ship to

Hawaii, which is where Cliff (Steve Zahn) and Cydney (Milla Jovovich) have gone on their honeymoon. However, upon arriving in Kauai, they hear the story about honeymooners' being murdered by a couple back in Honolulu. Then they meet Gina (Kiele Sanchez) and Nick (Timothy Olyphant), who has a titanium plate in his head, a crazed look in his eye and a sufficient number of Iraq war stories to curl



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en mush. Einstein and H.G. Wells would have a few problems with this movie. Nora Ephron, probably not. (JA)

THE UGLY TRUTH (R, 101 minutes) At a Sacramento TV station, Abby (Katherine Heigl) can't seem to keep her Nielsen ratings or her dating life steady. But what's this? Egad! A fly in the ointment! The TV station picks up a relationship advice spot hosted by the rakish, unshaven

Mike (Gerard Butler). Abby hates Mike; Mike doesn't believe in love, Abby doesn't believe in lust, Abby wants to date some doctor, Mike helps Abby date doctor, unlikely friendship (and something more?) ensues, etc. RUTH MCCANN

YOO-HOO, MRS. GOLDBERG (unrated, 92 minutes) Gertrude Berg was a remarkable mid-20th-century figure: a prodigious radio and TV writer and

producer; an entrepreneur; a Tony and Emmy winner; a star. As radio journalist Susan Stamberg says early on in this new documentary by D.C. filmmaker Aviva Kempner, Berg was "the Oprah Winfrey of her time." She created and starred in "The Goldbergs," a radio sitcom about a working-class family whose matriarch counseled and cajoled her family and neighbors in a crowded Bronx tenement.

For all her dogged research and interviewing, Kempner doesn't explore one important question: Why is Berg so little remembered today? PAUL FARHI

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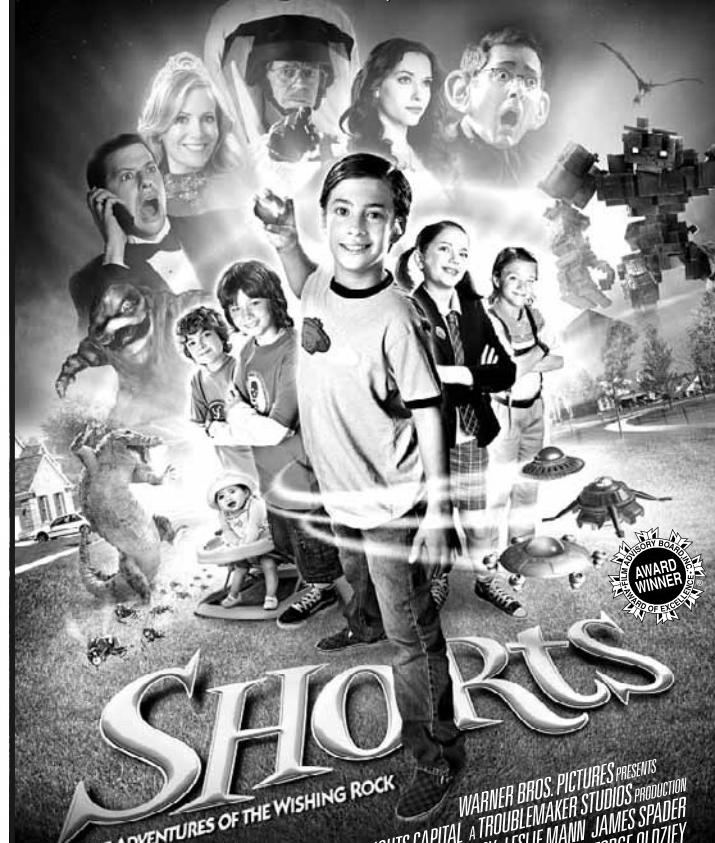
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television lookout

Socially Unskilled

Joan Cusack stars as an awkward social climber in an awkward movie on Lifetime

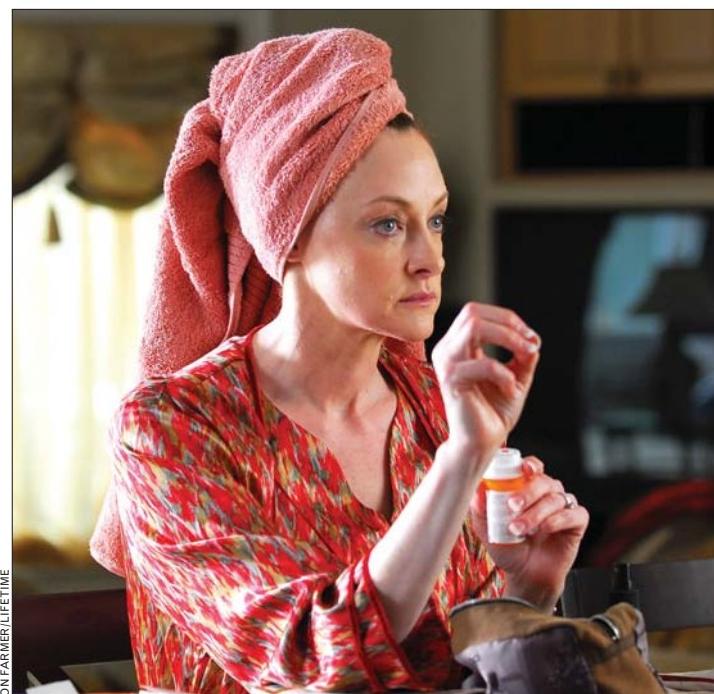
STATUS | Not even the presence of two fine actresses can save "Acceptance" (9 p.m., Lifetime, Sat.) from a trite script and its confusing shifts in tone.

Mae Whitman has been a delight to watch since she appeared in the old Pax Network series "State of Grace" as a precocious child. Viewers may recall how she held her own with Andre Braugher in the short FX series "Thief." And she fit right in with the absurd comedy "Arrested Development."

In "Acceptance," she portrays Taylor Rockefeller, a confused and conflicted teen pressured by her status-obsessed mother, Nina (Joan Cusack, "Working Girl"), to devote her life to getting into Yale or a similarly excellent school.

Nina is consumed by her fancy last name, even though she has no real connection to the scions of Standard Oil or their fortune.

Oppressed by her mother, Taylor turns to her father, Wilson (Mark Moses, "Mad Men"), only to discover that he, too, is



Joan Cusack's character is a Rockefeller, but, sadly, not the well-connected kind.

in flight from Nina's delusional social-climbing. The wonderful comic actress Cusack is wasted here playing a one-dimensional snob too destructive to pass as a comic figure and too stereotypical and shallow to take seriously.

"Acceptance" suffers from similar confusion. Is it tragedy or farce? The pressure-cooker atmosphere of elite college applicants spawns

scenes of illicit teacher-student liaisons, attempted suicide and self-mutilation followed by light fantasy montages set to whimsical music. It's a little difficult to tell who or what we should care about, and, after watching "Acceptance" flounder for a half-hour or so, it's easier to just stop trying.

KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

weekend lineup

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WHALE WARS (9 p.m., Animal Planet, Fri.) wraps up its second season of chronicling anti-whaling activists as its characters make life difficult for Japanese fishing fleets.

BIG NAMES IN THE BIZ

HARD ROCK CALLING (9 p.m., VH1, Fri.) is a two-hour concert from London featuring Ben Harper, the Killers, Dave Matthews Band, James Morrison, the Pretenders, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, and Neil Young.

QUEEN OF COUNTRY

TV comedy star Reba McEntire performs before an intimate studio audience in Nashville on **INVITATION ONLY: REBA MCENTIRE** (9 p.m., CMT, Fri.).

FANNY PACKS ARE OUT!?

The British style know-it-alls from "What Not to Wear" offer tips on renovation and renewal on **MAKING OVER AMERICA WITH TRINNY AND SUSANNAH** (10 p.m., TLC, Fri.).

'JACKASS,' THE REMIX

C. Thomas Howell stars in the new eight-episode series **ALL JACKED UP** (8:30 p.m., CMT, Sat.), a showcase for extreme stunts, sporting events, and eccentric people and their hobbies and inventions.

IN MEMORIAM

Scheduled on **60 MINUTES** (7 p.m., CBS, Sun.): an appreciation of Don Hewitt, the creator of "60 Minutes," who died Wednesday.

LATER, REG

The 10th anniversary edition of **WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE** (8 p.m., SYNDICATE).



Reba McEntire serenades her fans tonight on CMT's "Invitation Only."

ABC, Sun.) draws to a close.

THE GOOD DAUGHTER

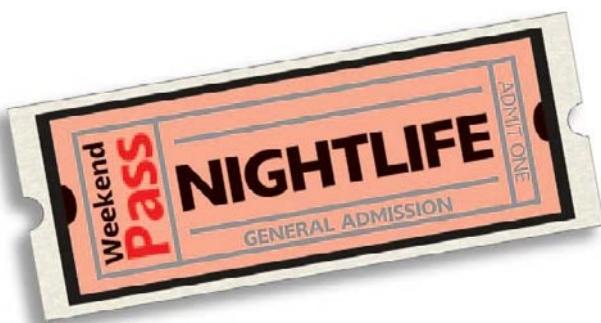
Betty (January Jones) continues to worry about her father's mental and physical decline on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.).

GENIUS AMONG MEN

NAKED SCIENCE (10 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.) profiles physicist Stephen Hawking and his contributions to our understanding of the universe.

HOW TO SELL YOURSELF

Ray receives unwelcome advice on **HUNG** (10 p.m., HBO, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE).



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lookout fashion

Autumn Fashion in Every Color

It's the chic

set's annual style dilemma: how to get a jump start on the fab fall designs that arrive in stores each August when temperatures will stay sweltering for at least one more month (or, sigh, two).

Chunky sweaters might be stuck in storage for the foreseeable future, but autumn's more versatile buys can be made to work whether you're sweating or shivering – either from icy office air-conditioning or from November winds, whichever gets you first.

We took three of fall's big buys to show how to play it hot and cold.

ASHLEY JOY PARKER



NOW: A neo-grunge dress in bold colors takes on a summery, laid-back vibe when paired with a waist-cinching belt (\$48, Betsey Johnson, Tysons Galleria; 703-442-3940) and Montego Bay sandals (\$20, Payless.com).



**Shirtdress (\$42.99,
Modcloth.com)**

LATER: Add edge for a night out by covering up with another autumn staple, the leather jacket (\$550, Diesel, 1249 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-625-2780), along with funky leggings (\$44, Topshop.com) and detailed booties (\$540, Chiemihara.com).

fashion lookout



Top It Off



Skirt Stake



NOW: The preppy tailoring of a boyfriend-style blazer helps balance out a slinky Alice + Olivia cocktail dress (\$550, Urban Chic, 1626, Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398) and strappy Calvin Klein heels (\$138, Piperlime.com).

Blazer (\$128,
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LATER: Tone down trendier pieces such as a printed tee (\$14.80, Forever 21, Fashion Center at Pentagon City; 703-415-4121), Alice + Olivia striped pants (\$242, Shopbop.com) and funky leopard heels (\$200, Betsey Johnson).



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LATER: Layer on a snug Vince cardigan (\$265, Neiman Marcus, 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-966-9700) with leggings (\$44, American Apparel, 3025 M St. NW; 202-572-0166), Corso Como boots (\$195, Piperlime.com), an Elie Tahari blouse (\$278, Saks, 5555 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-657-9000) and a wide belt (\$40, Betsey Johnson).

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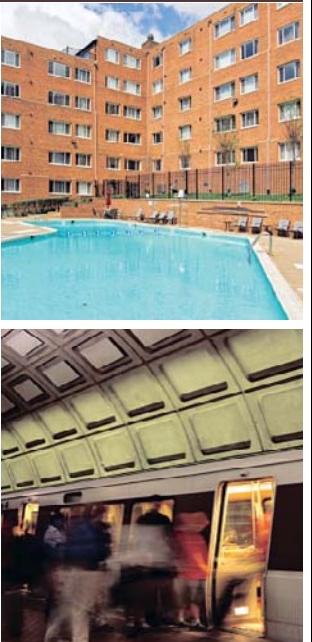
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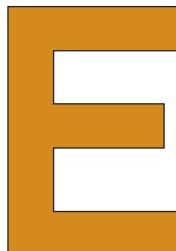


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ARE POLITICIANS TOO POLITE TO PEOPLE WHO DISRUPT HEALTH CARE FORUMS?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 76%

YES 24%

Being rude to them would only embolden them further. The politicians should leave it to their support staff to quickly escort protesters from the room."

COMMENTER ANNE RAY

"Too polite? Are you serious? That is their job! We are their bosses. They work for us. Would you speak to your boss the way [Rep. Barney] Frank spoke to his constituents? Only if you wanted to be fired."

COMMENTER LOL

"Yes! There are disruptors from both sides, and catering to those people prevents our representatives from hearing intelligent and substantive comments."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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"WHILE ABSENTLY"

recording my son with my iPhone, he began discussing his 'girlfriend.' I didn't think I'd have this conversation today, or for at least the next 10 years ... oh, boy."

PRETTYPINKCHANDELIER.COM POSTED AN EMBARRASSING VIDEO OF HER YOUNG SON DECLARING HE HAS A CRUSH ON ACTOR ABIGAIL BRESLIN.



"Oftentimes, the most [messed] up people do make the wisest counselors once they get cleaned up. Jayson Blair could certainly fall in that category."

GAWKER.COM IS TRYING TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE NOTION THAT THE FORMER JOURNALIST, BEST KNOWN FOR PLAGIARIZING AND FABRICATING STORIES FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, IS NOW A LIFE COACH IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA.



"MY WIFE AND I were discussing how we've barely used our juicer that we received as a wedding present. So we went to the supermarket and bought three large oranges, but they only produced enough juice for about half a cup."

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LEARNED ABOUT THE ART OF JUICING THE HARD WAY, ADDING, "APPARENTLY, IT TAKES A LOT OF ORANGES TO MAKE A DECENT-SIZED GLASS OF JUICE."

"I don't think that the U.S. can lecture anyone about justice when it kidnaps and then flies people around the world to be tortured."

A GUARDIAN.CO.UK COMMENTER DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN TAKE A PUBLIC STANCE AGAINST THE RELEASE OF THE LOCKERBIE BOMBER, CONSIDERING ITS HISTORY WITH PRISONERS.

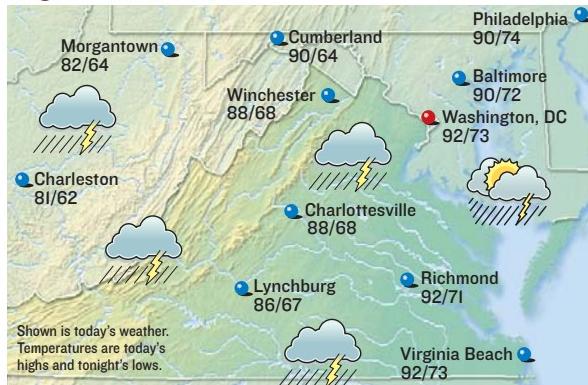
"VISITORS TO THE MALL need to be able to get around easily and deserve a choice of options. The Tourmobile is fine for those who want it. But the National Park Service needs to drop its policy of giving one transportation provider exclusive access to its grounds."

GREATERGREATERWASHINGTON.ORG THINKS WMATA SHOULD HAVE A MONUMENT SHUTTLE.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Showers/t-storms	A thunderstorm	A thunderstorm	Partly sunny	A t-storm possible	Partly sunny
92°	73°	85° / 67°	84° / 67°	85° / 68°	87° / 71°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	93°
Low	73°
Normal high	86°
Normal low	68°
Average humidity	66%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	0.92"
Normal month to date	2.20"
Year to date	25.12"
Last year to date	32.88"
Normal year to date	25.02"

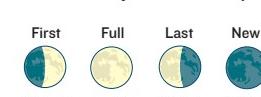
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Regional Forecast

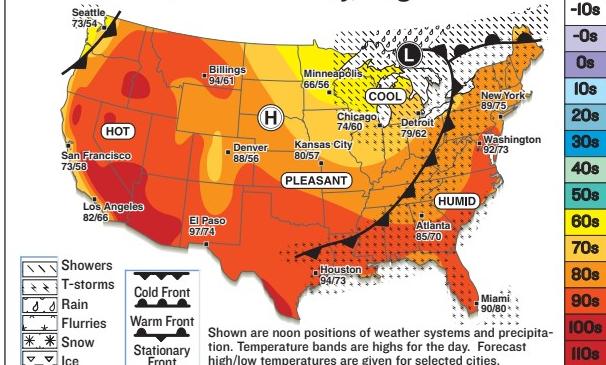
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, hot, humid, a thunderstorm. High 92. Wind south-southwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, thunderstorms. Low 73.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:55 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:51 a.m.
Moonset today	8:25 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, August 21



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/70/t	86/64/t	Amsterdam	72/52/pc	67/50/2s
Boston	85/72/t	82/67/t	Athens	88/70/s	88/72/2s
Chicago	74/60/c	73/52/pc	Berlin	82/57/r	70/51/s
Dallas	93/71/s	95/76/s	Buenos Aires	59/45/pc	63/43/pc
Denver	88/56/s	95/59/s	Calgary	84/50/pc	75/48/s
Honolulu	89/76/pc	89/76/pc	Dublin	63/48/sh	64/52/r
Los Angeles	82/66/pc	86/66/pc	Geneva	76/60/s	66/48/pc
Miami	90/80/t	91/79/t	Moscow	57/50/s	72/55/pc
New York City	89/75/t	85/71/t	Rome	90/70/s	90/68/s
Orlando	92/74/t	92/74/t	Sydney	79/50/pc	70/46/pc
Seattle	73/54/pc	73/53/s	Tokyo	86/75/sh	88/73/c

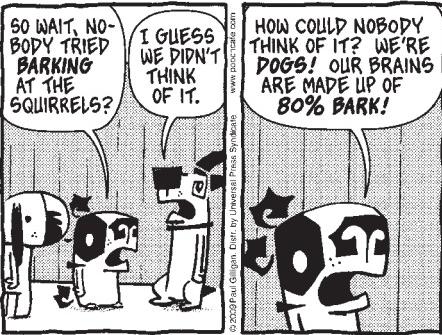
s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, r=rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, i=ice.

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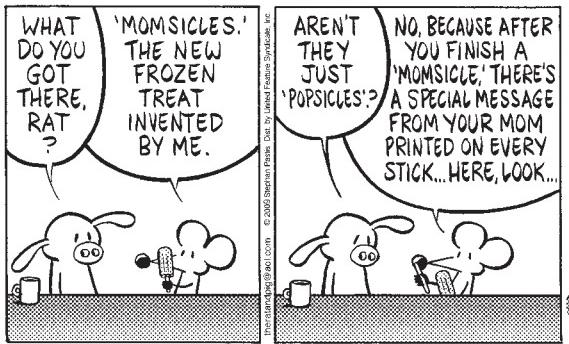
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



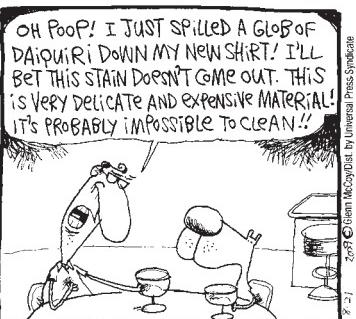
Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You don't want others to misinterpret what you do or say, and you may want to soft-pedal any message that might seem abrasive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's important that you know the difference between criticism and suggestion. Each is valuable, and you'll react to each quite differently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's a good day to try to get ahead of schedule in some way. You needn't get everything done, necessarily — but started, surely.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 23-Nov. 21**) You are in charge of those who have a great deal to learn from you, but you don't want to come on too strong. Let them explore alone, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're going to want to get some advice and input from others before you find yourself in a position to call all the shots.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You want perfection, and you're not likely to settle for anything less. In that case, then, you must be ready to wait awhile.

Today in History

1609 Galileo Galilei demonstrates his new telescope, capable of magnifying images of objects ninefold, to a group of officials atop the Campanile in Venice.

1831 Nat Turner leads a violent slave rebellion in Virginia resulting in the deaths of at least 55 white people.

1911 Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" is stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris.

1959 Hawaii becomes the 50th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs an executive order, five months after signing the Hawaiian statehood bill.

2004 The International Gymnastics Federation rules that South Korean Yang Tae-young was unfairly docked a tenth of a point in the all-around gymnastics final at the Athens Olympics, costing him the gold medal that ended



President Eisenhower unfurls the new 50-star U.S. flag in D.C. Aug. 21, 1959.

up going to Paul Hamm of the United States; however, the ruling does not change the final result.

2008 Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor win their second consecutive gold medal in beach volleyball, beating Wang Jie and Tian Jia of China.

lookout people



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True freedom of expression does sometimes involve stripper moves.

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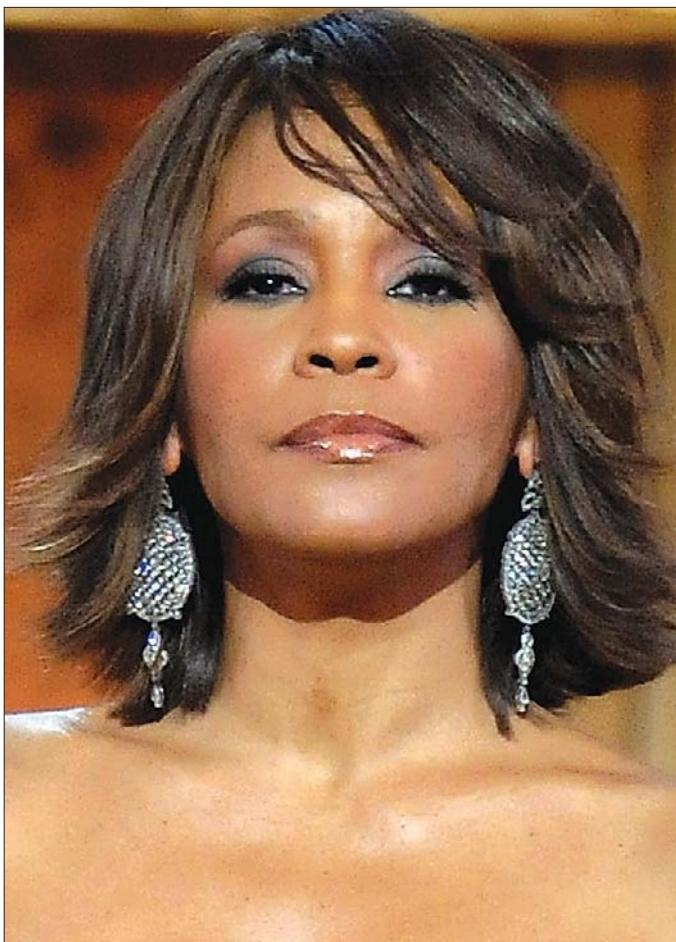
Translation: 'Skanky Is An Adjective I'm OK With'

BILLY RAY CYRUS defended his daughter Miley's choice to briefly pole-dance at the Teen Choice Awards, telling "Access Hollywood" Thursday, "I just think that Miley loves entertaining people." He also told Usmagazine.com: "I give my kids a lot of freedom to make the art they wanna make, and make it in their own voice." (EXPRESS)

LAWSUITS

Woman Accuses Illusionist Of Sexual Assault, Threats

A Seattle woman has sued magician **DAVID COPPERFIELD**, contending he sexually assaulted and threatened her while she was a guest on his private island in the Bahamas. Copperfield's lawyers Angelo Calfo and Patty Eakes deny the allegations and say the lawsuit is "extortion for money, plain and simple." No criminal charges have been filed. (AP)



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

COMEBACKS

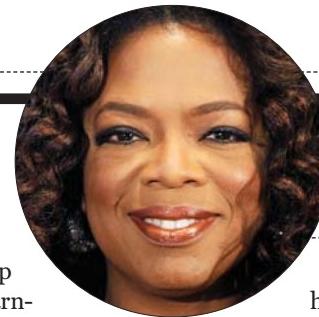
Two Queens to Converse

After a long absence from music, **WHITNEY HOUSTON** is staging a much-hyped career comeback with an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Houston will be Winfrey's first guest as the talk-show queen launches her 24th season on Sept. 14. According to her Web site, Oprah.com, Winfrey calls Houston's appearance "the most anticipated music interview of the decade." (AP)

BAFFLING

The Point Here Eludes Even Us

OPRAH is fessing up to her love of a Barnstable, Mass., pie company's creations. A spokeswoman for her production company initially denied that Winfrey had purchased pies from the Centerville Pie Co. while on Cape Cod. But on Wednesday, Oprah called the Cape Cod Times to say that, yes, "the pie-gate



Oprah's subjects are glad to hear pie is approved again.

escapade actually did happen." Pie company owner Kristin Broadley says she delivered a chicken pot pie to Winfrey's traveling party last week, then followed with two more orders. Broadley says she delivered a total of 20 pies — including chicken, custard and banana cream — to Winfrey's crew. (AP)

CAREERS

Actress Hopes Subtitles Will Make Her More Legit

EVA LONGORIA PARKER is taking on a Spanish-speaking role for the first time, in a Mexican film about kidnapping. Film producer Leopoldo Gout says Longoria Parker's character will be crucial to solving the



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP
The ACLU defends Hatch's right to paranoid rants on national television.

mystery at the heart of the film, which is called "Day of Grace." He says the actress "read the script and loved the characters and the story's depth." The film's release date is not yet known. (AP)

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BAD TV SHOW IDEAS 'House Arrest' Is on Way To HGTV, Thanks to ACLU

The American Civil Liberties Union says it's unfair that "Survivor" winner **RICHARD HATCH** has been jailed for granting two unauthorized TV interviews. Steven Brown of the ACLU's Rhode Island chapter says even if interviews can be restricted for safety reasons inside a prison's walls, that shouldn't be a concern once a person is living in a private home. (AP)



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ACROSS

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- Bat Masterson trademark
- Braved the rapids
- Palindromic preposition
- Cambodian capital
- Guinea pig's cousin
- A compass can help you make one
- "Measure twice, cut ___"
- Bagpiper's wear
- Carrying only cash or checks?
- Bird-related
- Absorbed the cost of
- "or ___!"
- Aching desires
- Melee
- It's one until you cross it?
- 90-degree bends
- Candy store buy
- States categorically
- Food preservers
- Suit accessory
- Applies frosting to

DOWN

- Ocean route
- Come on the scene
- It makes jelly jell
- Sing like Sinatra
- Indigenous inhabitants of Hokkaido
- Ambrosia
- Like a bar owner's treat
- Winning candidate
- Pro ___ proportionally)
- John who was once married to Shirley Temple
- Art faker
- Guardianship
- When a plane is expected, briefly
- Background noise
- Conceive a notion
- "God's Little Acre" co-star Ray
- Widely televised judge of 1995
- Twain adventurer
- Anthropologist Margaret
- Acrobat catcher

37 Kind of curve, in math

38 Bit of securing hardware

39 Capital on the Han River

41 "Rockin' Robin" refrain word

44 One of South America's smallest republics, formerly

47 "Hip hip" follower

48 "Quiet as a mouse," e.g.

50 Au ___ (with bread crumbs)

51 Add carbon dioxide

52 Wooden deck trouble

55 Hairnet

57 Distribute (with "out")

58 Contemporary

59 "Never ___ sentence with a preposition"

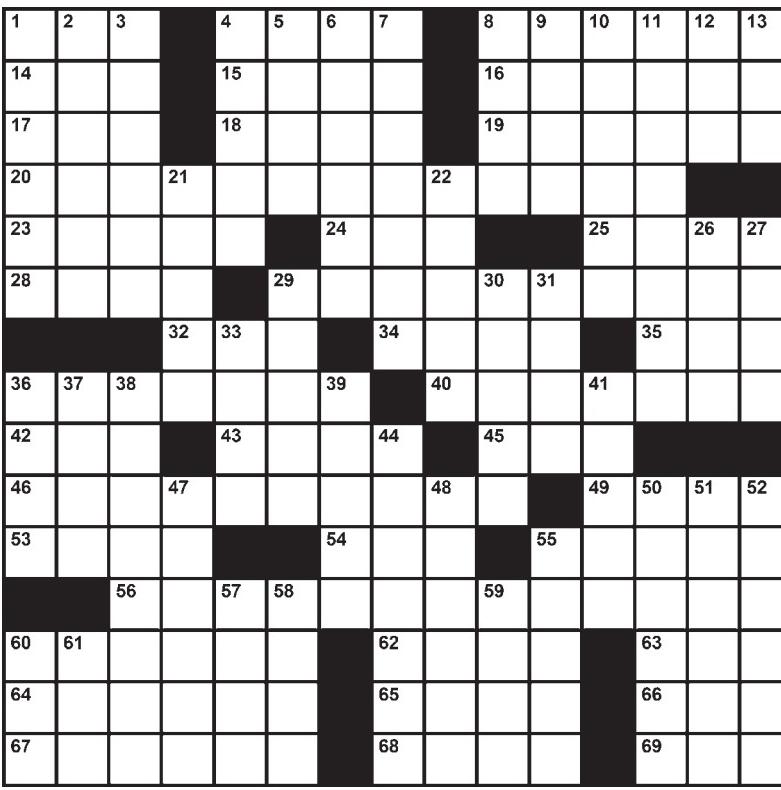
60 "___-boom-bah!"

61 First lady in 1900

Yesterday's Solution



EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER



SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

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5	3	4	9	2	7	6	8	1				
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9	1	2	6	8	5	7	3	4				

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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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